

Heden

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Dear Dr. Heden:

Your note on the lysogenicity of strain B was most interesting.

I am not sure what direct help we can be. Most of our work has been done with strain K-12, known to be lysogenic, and we have had very little occasion to study strain B. From time to time we have obtained subcultures in use by Hershey or Luria, and they should be able to be of the greatest assistance to you. I would suggest that you also consult Dr. Sydney Brenner at X Cambridge, as he has been particularly attentive to strain specificities.

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The/additional additional remark I would make would be to test the maltose-fermentation of your strain, e.g., on EMB maltose agar. Unlike almost all wild-type strains of E. coli, strain B is maltose negative according to our experience.

Yours cordially,

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